

REMARKS

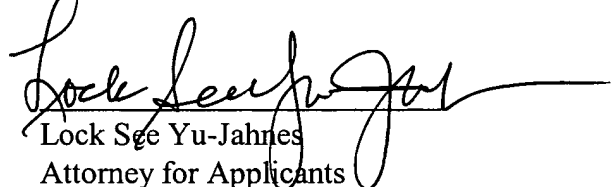
This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated January 11, 2005. Claims 17-22, 24, 46-50, 52, 58, 59, 61-63, 80, 81, 83-89, 91, 93, 95, 100, 101, 103, 106, and 107 are presented for examination, of which Claims 19, 24, 48, 49, 52, 80, 81, 83-89, 91, 93, 95, 100, 101, 103, and 106 are in independent form. Claims 1-15, 23, 25-44, 51, 53-57, 60, 64-79, 82, 90, 92, 94, 96-99, 102, 104, 105, and 108-118 have been cancelled by the present Amendment, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and Claims 16 and 45 were previously canceled. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that Claims 17-22, 24, 46-50, 52, 58, 59, 61-63, 80, 81, 83-89, 91, 93, 95, 100, 101, 103, 106, and 107 have been allowed. As indicated above, these claims are the only claims remaining in this application. Accordingly, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully request an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

CONCLUSION

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